

EXAMPLE OF A TIME LINE FOR CITY INITIATIVE PETITION

Action	Time Frame	Time Line
✓ 1. File prospective initiative petition with city elections officer on SED 1205.	Anytime	_____
✓ 2. City elections officer sends petition to city attorney.	Immediately upon receipt of prospective petition.	_____
✓ 3. City attorney prepares ballot title.	Not later than 5th business day after receipt.	_____
* 4. City elections officer shall publish notice of ballot title, including statement that elector can file a petition for review.	Next available edition of newspaper of general distribution in city.	_____
→ 5. Elector may file a petition for review of ballot title in Circuit Court.	Not later than 7th business day after title filed with city.	_____
* 6. Petition cover and signature sheets must be approved by city elections officer.	It is suggested petitioners wait until after appeal period ends.	_____
7. Circulate for signatures.	As soon as approved by city elections officer.	_____
8. City elections officer verifies signatures to determine petition's sufficiency.	Not later than 15 days after petition filed for signature verification.	_____
9. Contributions and expenditures report must be filed by petitioners.	If signatures are turned in for verification, the report must be filed not later than 15th day after 100% of signatures are filed for verification. If signatures are not turned in for verification, not later than 15th day after the signature filing deadline.	_____
10. Meeting of governing body where petition will be filed.	On or before the 90th day before the next election date.	_____
11. Governing body may adopt the measure or submit to city electors.	Not later than 30th day after petition is filed with governing body.	_____
12. Governing body may refer a competing measure to city electors.	Not later than 30th day after initiative measure filed with governing body.	_____
13. Election date set if measure is required to be submitted to city electors under city charter or state law, or if governing body fails to adopt measure.	Next election date available on or after 90th day after filing petition with the city governing body.	_____

112 Valid Signatures

*These dates are examples only; they may vary as shown in time frame.

Absence of Charter City Day Date filed

Tuesday March 22, 1988

90 days - 6-20-88 - 90th day

Aug. 9, 1988 - Special Election

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